

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE. - - - MISSOURI.

Chicago shipped the largest single cargo of grain, consisting of 235,000 bushels of corn and 58,000 bushels of barley.

The American Tin Can company, better known as the "Tin Can Trust," is planning to erect at New Orleans one of the largest plants of its kind in the United States.

Col. John Jacob Astor owns 20 automobiles certainly worth not less than \$100,000, that cost him \$15,000 to maintain yearly, which includes the hiring of his operators, fuel and repairs.

In the city of London court the other day Judge Rentoul, K. C., made an order to pay a debt of £10 8s 10d to a money lender at the rate of one penny a month. The payment will be completed in 209 years.

Along the central part of the Kongo river there are a number of salt marshes. The Africans dig shallow holes in these, whence issue streams of hot water, which, on being evaporated, leaves a residue of salt.

Consul-General Guenther, of Frankfurt, Germany, reports a cure for cancer. According to German experiments made with sun rays upon cancer a considerable number of well-established and well-authenticated cures have been recorded.

Eastern capital is preparing to build an electric railway from Portland to Roseburg, Ore., by way of Salem and Eugene. At the last named point it is proposed to connect with what is said to be ultimately a transcontinental line, backed by the same interests.

Darwin estimates that there are 1,000,000 earthworms quietly at work for the advantage of the upper six feet of every acre of good soil. They continually turn over the soil and drag down leaves and grass, and thus they loosen the soil and fertilize the ground, so that necessary air can reach the roots that spread and grow.

One of the courts in Paris is occupied with a case against a picture dealer who sold what he asserted was a genuine Raphael for \$16,000. The buyer paid \$2,000 down, then discovered that the dealer had bought the picture for 29 francs. He wants his \$2,000 back. But three experts have pronounced the painting genuine.

Engineers who run through the western part of Oklahoma tell some great stories about the way in which quail are killed by coming in contact with their engines, and claim to have a bunch of them on the pilot at the end of every run. One Choctaw fireman has evolved a scheme to fix up a net on the front of his locomotive and catch the birds as they come against it. He avers that hundreds can be caught in that way every day.

Athens, Greece, the home of the famous Olympic games, has only 12 automobiles, and three of these belong to the king and the princes. The king's is a luxurious affair and cost him 20,000 francs. The one owned by Prince Andreas was presented to him by the czar of Russia. Foreign automobiles are classed by the Greek tariff law as four-wheeled carriages, whether used or unused, and are required by the government to pay a duty of 200 francs.

To those who are interested in the growth of a millionaire's riches—and who of us is not?—the following statement of Mr. Rockefeller's progress up the ladder of wealth ought to be enlightening. His fortune in the years indicated is given in dollars: 1855, nil; 1865, \$5,000; 1870, \$50,000; 1875, \$1,000,000; 1885, \$50,000,000; 1890, \$100,000,000; 1900, \$280,000,000. To-day, as nearly as can be estimated, this king of Croesuses is worth at least \$400,000,000, or, roughly, \$80,000,000.

The crop-estimating board of the bureau of statistics puts the average of corn per acre in Kentucky at 29.7 bushels for 1905, as compared with 26.9 last year, and 25.6 as the average for the last ten years. As the average for the whole country this year is 28.8, and for the past ten years 24.9, Kentucky appears above the average as a corn-growing state. The highest average in any state this year was 40.7 bushels for Indiana; the lowest 10.9 bushels for South Carolina.

Lady Mary Hamilton, daughter of the late duke of Hamilton, has just come of age, and becomes mistress of a fortune that makes her the richest heiress in the United Kingdom. For nine years the vast riches left by the duke to his daughter have been in trust, accumulating at compound interest, and Lady Mary now has an income estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 a year. She has 150,000 acres of land, including the whole of the island of Ayr, and a magnificent estate in Suffolk.

AN IMPERIAL UKASE.

The Russian Emperor Goes Back to Old Methods.

Proposes to Use Harsh Means in Denigrate Attempt to Suppress the Revolution—Witte May Retire.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The government claims it has given battle only to the "Red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes that the "white terror" has returned. Already the leaders of the proletariat who escaped capture Saturday night at the Economic society and even men of the rank of Prof. Milukoff are in hiding from the police, who are hunting them down. The government evidently anticipates a battle royal and has made its dispositions accordingly.

The workmen's council and the League of Leagues Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately, and consequently, by an imperial ukase published Sunday morning, all governors and prefects throughout the empire who are cut off by telegraph are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg to declare a state of siege and, if necessary, even martial law. As most of the provincial authorities are reactionary officials of the old regime, the advantage they will take of such power to terrorize the populace can easily be imagined, they being in position to become petty tyrants and wage war each in his own particular fashion against the revolutionists.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A report that Count Witte has resigned was in circulation Sunday but it is false. It may, however, become true at any moment and Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff is being held in reserve.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—A call for a general strike throughout Russia to begin Thursday at noon, was issued Tuesday night.

The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway union and the Councils of Workmen at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimously for a strike.

The leaders have declared their ability to stop every train in Russia.

The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Minister of the Interior Rumov attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the railway union and of the workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

Little Work for the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate will meet the wishes of the house for an adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. Meantime the senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work unless there should be difficulty in agreeing with the house on the terms of the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill. That measure will go to a conference committee early in the week and there will be a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment. The action of the senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it will probably be the principal bone of contention in the conference committee.

Morton Appeals to Policy Holders.

New York, Dec. 18.—An appeal to the policy holders in all the states of the union to lend their assistance in preventing adverse legislation is made by President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance society in a circular letter which is being sent to policy holders. President Morton says that the insurance business is certain to be the subject of great consideration by the legislatures soon to convene as a result of what has been printed and said about insurance during the last six months.

Duels Forbidden in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 16.—Duels are forbidden in Iowa, declared the Supreme court Friday in affirming the conviction of Fenton Witnah of Page county, for killing Charles Middaugh. The two men quarreled while drunk and agreed to fight it out with their fists. With a party of friends they repaired to the edge of town and engaged in a duel first with fists and then with knives. Middaugh was killed by a blow on the jugular vein. Witnah must serve ten years in prison.

Want No Cotton Crop Estimates.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 20.—A resolution offered by S. T. Williams of Pursell, I. T., at the Cotton Ginners' convention, asking the abolition of the bureau of agriculture's cotton crop estimates was adopted and all southern congressmen are requested to urge the passage of the resolution through congress.

TRAIN WRECKERS AT WORK.

Accident on the Santa Fe Near Reading, Kan., Believed to Have Been Caused by Them.

Reading, Kan., Dec. 20.—Santa Fe train No. 17 was wrecked at Badger Creek bridge about five miles west of Reading at three o'clock Tuesday morning. The tender left the track, derailing all the baggage and express cars and the first two coaches. One express car turned over and caught fire in which one of the messengers was killed. His remains were recovered.

E. E. Derrick of Kansas City, a Wells, Fargo express messenger, and Harry C. Davis of Topeka, the engineer, are dead. Derrick was killed almost instantly. Davis died of his injuries before the relief train reached Topeka.

The injured are: Fireman Slanker, Topeka, one leg injured, not serious; J. W. Cook, passenger, Lyons, Kan., back injured; L. Frost, Topeka internal injuries; A. Guetch, Kansas City, left arm injured.

It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The engine left the track on a 12 foot embankment and went into the ditch. The track where the engine left is straight. The engine bumped along the ties two or three lengths before it rolled over. The spikes securing one rail were all pulled and marks thought to be those left by the heel of a crowbar can be seen on the ties. The fishplates from the end of this rail are gone also. The California train and the Colorado train had gone over this track shortly before No. 17 was wrecked.

F. DUMONT SMITH INDICTED.

Kansas State Senator Is Charged with Conspiracy and Influencing Official in Land Fraud Deal.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 19.—F. Dumont Smith, state senator from Kinsley; Roscoe Williams, his partner, and T. E. Ryan, former special agent in the land department of the government, head the list of the indictments returned by the federal grand jury Saturday evening. Others who were indicted are: John E. Bilby, L. C. Bilby, James H. Drain and L. C. Perkins. John W. Higgins, assistant postmaster at Lansing, was also indicted. He is charged with taking funds of the postoffice to the amount of \$1,300.

Senator Smith is charged with conspiracy to influence by a money consideration a government official. Also furnishing a government official with a railroad pass from Kansas City to Alexandria, La., and return.

The amount of money is not specified in the indictment against Smith, the papers saying that the amount of money is unknown to the jurors.

It is alleged in the indictment that Smith and Wilson for a consideration influenced the opinion and actions of Ryan, formerly special agent in the government land office in land fraud cases which he was investigating in Hodgeman county. According to the allegations the men implicated in the cases under consideration were approached by Wilson, who told them that he and Senator Smith could "fix it up" if they would raise \$2,500. This was raised and divided equally. It is charged, between Smith, Wilson and Ryan, the government agent.

NEBRASKA LAND FRAUD.

A. R. Greene, the Government Inspector, to Investigate There After Finishing With Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—A. R. Greene, the government land inspector, who has been investigating land frauds in Kansas, will next turn his attention to Nebraska, where there are said to be more irregularities in the grabbing of government land than in Kansas. Mr. Greene has already begun the taking of depositions regarding the alleged fraudulent land deals in Nebraska, in which one man is said to have appropriated about 36,000 acres of government land. It is understood that through an agent at Manhattan, Kan. 16 persons were induced to file upon 640 acres of land each, the Nebraska man building the shacks, paying the expenses of the filing, the expenses to and from Nebraska and then in the end paying the filers a certain amount of money to relinquish their claims.

Prominent Denver Lawyer Dead.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—Commissioner a prominent lawyer and politician died here Tuesday of paralysis. Before coming to Colorado in 1878 Mr. Hodges was active in the affairs of Arkansas, having served as a member of the constitutional convention in 1868. He was appointed postmaster of Little Rock in 1871. Mr. Hodges had held the position of register of the land office at Glenwood Springs, Col., and for a long time was assayer of the Denver mint.

LaFollette Gives up Governorship.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 20.—Gov. LaFollette Tuesday sent to the legislature his resignation as governor to take effect on the first Monday in January.

STRIKE AT MOSCOW.

It Was Proclaimed There at Noon on Wednesday.

More Mutineers at Sebastopol—A Count's Estate Laid Waste—Cossacks Suppress Socialist Newspaper and Arrest Editors.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—On account of confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow at noon Wednesday instead of Thursday. It was begun there with a complete suspension of the street railway service. The government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms to organize a militia for self protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred and 1,600 soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

Warsaw, Russian, Poland, Dec. 21.—The Polish nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles and the nationalists have therefore issued a proclamation calling on all Israelites to discontinue speaking Yiddish and to learn the Polish language. Cossacks surrounded the offices of the socialists organ Kurjer Codzienny at midnight, arrested the editorial staff and sealed up the offices.

KANSAS CORN COUNTIES.

Jewell Heads the List with a Production of 6,241,952 Bushels—Condition of Growing Wheat.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—Jewell county is the banner corn producing county of Kansas this year. It raised 6,241,952 bushels. Marshall is a close second with a production of 6,173,898. Nemaha is third with 5,853,854; Washington fourth with 5,162,940, and Republic fifth with 5,074,080. Republic would have been first but for the scheme of county seat grabbers who, in the early day, robbed her of her southern tier of townships and left her with but four-fifths the area of the counties which have this year exceeded her in aggregate corn yield. Forty-three of the 105 counties raised more than 2,000,000 bushels of corn each this year. The present condition of winter wheat is 80 per cent. The growing crops seem to be in better condition in counties outside of the wheat belt. The average in the 20 counties in the wheat belt ranges from 70 to 85 per cent.

Death of Edward Wilder.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad since 1876, died at his home in this city at 8:40 Wednesday of tuberculosis of the lungs. He had been sick for about two years but did not give up until a week ago, taking care of his work sitting on his porch, dictating to his stenographer. He attended the annual meeting of the directors October 26, has last appearance at the general office.

Natural Gas for St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21.—This city is to be supplied with natural gas between January 1 and 15, provided bad weather does not delay the completion of the pipe line, which is within six miles. M. M. Sweetman, manager of the pipe line company, has stated that the reducing stations would be installed at once, and that so soon as the pipe line is completed St. Joseph will begin using natural gas at 27c for 1,000 cubic feet.

Railroads to Establish Pensions.

New York, Dec. 21.—At respective meetings Wednesday of the board of directors of the New York Central, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroads, each of these companies decided to establish a pension bureau to take care of superannuated employees.

Francis Found Guilty.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—After deliberating 17 hours the jury in the Francis murder trial returned a verdict at four o'clock Wednesday finding Austin Francis guilty of murder in the first degree. He was charged with having murdered Winona Newton, a 15-year-old girl on the evening of November 3 in the south part of this city.

Kansas Teachers to Meet.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—The forty-third annual meeting of the Kansas State Teachers' association will be held in Topeka. The meeting will begin Tuesday evening, December 26, continuing to and including Thursday, December 28. In this time there will be the usual college reunions and banquets.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I over exerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."



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"They were good, strong voices," answered Mr. Cumrox; "but considering what we paid for seats, I couldn't help thinking that we folks in the audience ought to be doing the hollerin'!"—Washington Star.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.
Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.
Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.
Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—pleurisy, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.
Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.
Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.
Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.
Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent. of the juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but it cures Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble. Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.
Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?
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